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SUMMARY: GREEK AND PORTUGUESE REPS ATTENDED SEPTEMBER 30 NPG STAFF GROUP (SG) MEETING. SG CHAIRMAN CALLED ATTENTION TO UNRESOLVED QUESTION OF WHO WILL HOST SPRING 1975 NPG MINISTERIAL. SG DISCUSSED STATUS OF SHAPE PREPARATION OF PAPER ON SELECTIVE EMPLOYMENT PLANNING (SEP) FOR ROME NPG MEETING. SG COMPLETED WORK ON DRAFT PERMREPS REPORT ON COMMUNICATING NATO'S INTENTION, AND CONTINUED DISCUSSION OF DRAFT PO ON NPG FUTURE WORK PROGRAM. END SUMMARY.

1. GREEK AND PORTUGUESE REPS ATTENDED THE SEPTEMBER 30 NPG STAFF GROUP
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(SG) MEETING.

2. SG CHAIRMAN (SHEARER) REMINDED THE SG THAT THE QUESTION OF WHO WILL HOST THE SPRING 1975 NPG MINISTERIAL MEETING REMAINS

UNRESOLVED. HE SAID THAT HE HAD NOT RECEIVED ANY NEW INFORMATION FROM LIKELY CANDIDATES AND THAT HE HOPED ONE OF THE NPG MEMBERS WOULD VOLUNTEER IN THE EVRY NEAR FUTURE TO HOST THE MEETING.

3. SG CHAIRMAN ASKED SHAPE REP TO BRIEF THE SG ON THE STATUS OF THE SELECTIVE EMPLOYMENT PLANNING (SEP) PAPER THAT SHAPE IS PREPARING AS BACKGROUND MATERIAL FOR MINISTERS FOR THE NOVEMBER 7-8 ROME MEETING. SHAPE REP (COL. JULIAN) SAID THAT THE SHAPE STAFF IS CURRENTLY PROCESSING THE PAPER, BUT IT PROBABLY WILL NOT BE READY PRIOR TO THE OCTOBER 10 NPG PERMREPS MEETING. UK, CANADIAN AND FRG REPS EXPRESSED GREAT DISAPPOINTMENT THAT SHAPE WOULD NOT HAVE THE PAPER READY BEFORE OCTOBER 10 AND ASKED IF THERE WERE NOT SOME WAY SHAPE COULD EXPEDITE ITS PREPARATION. SHAPE REP AGREED TO DO HIS BEST, BUT SAID HE COULD NOT PROMISE ANYTHING. UK AND CANADIAN REPS SAID THEY HOPED THAT SHAPE REP AT OCTOBER 10 PERMREPS MEETING WOULD AT LEAST BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS SEP'S, IF ONLY IN GENERAL TERMS. COL. JULIAN SAID THAT HE THOUGHT THAT SHAPE REP WOULD PROBABLY BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS THE CONCEPT, BACKGROUND AND RATIONALE OF SEP, BUT NOT THE DETAILS. UK AND CANADIAN REPS SAID THEY WERE SURE THAT THEIR AMBASSADORS WOULD WELCOME THIS.

4. SG COMPLETED THE DRAFT PERMREPS REPORT ON COMMUNICATING NATO'S INTENTION TO USE NUCLEAR WEAPONS (CNI) WHICH US REP ACCEPTED IN ACCORD-
ANCE WITH REF A. AT ITALIAN REQUEST, SG REVISED LANGUAGE IN PARA 15 OF TEXT OF DRAFT IN REF B TO SUGGEST THAT THE CNI STUDY MIGHTBE FORWARDED TO THE DPC
AT A FUTURE DATE. IS WILL ISSUE THE AGREED DRAFT SHORTLY.

5. SG CONTINUED DISCUSSION OF THE IS DRAFT PO ON THE NPG FUTURE WORK PROGRAM (REF C, POUCHED TO SATE AND DEFENSE). THE IS CIRCULATED FOR COMMENT A PROPOSED PARAGRAPH CALLING ATTENTION TO THE US STUDIES REQUIRED BY SECTION 302(D) OF THE US MILITARY PROCUREMENT AUTHORIZATION ACT OF 1975 (NUNN AMENDMENT), NOTING THE RELATIONSHIP OF THE US STUDIES TO NPG PROJECTS SUCH AS THE FOLLOW-ON STUDY PROGRAM AND THE TECHNOLOGY STUDY, AND SUGGESTING THAT NPG SHOULD BE INVOLVED
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IN CONSULTATIONS ON THIS SUBJECT. SEVERAL SG MEMBERS, INCLUDING US REP, SUGGESTED THAT THE PARAGRAPH SHOULD BE CAST IN GENERAL TERMS, AND IS AGREED TO REFINE IT ACCORDINGLY BEFORE FORWARDING PO FOR SYG LUNS APPROVAL.

6. COMMENT: MISSION CALLS WASHINGTON'S ATTENTION TO PARA 4 OF REF C WHICH ADDRESSES ILLUSTRATIVE STUDIES. THE PARAGRAPH AGAIN MAKES THE POINT INCLUDED IN SYG LUNS PO ON NPG
FUTURE WORK PREPARED FOR THE BERGEN NPG MEETING THAT THE QUESTION OF PREPARATION OF FURTHER ILLUSTRATIVE STUDIES SHOULD BE ADDRESSED AT THE ROME NPG MEETING. US WILL NEED TO DEVELOP A POSITION ON THIS QUESTION FOR THE ROME MEETING. END COMMENT.
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